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SUBJECT: DIVERSION OF STRATEGIC GOODS

REF: STATE 156889

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MET AT THEIR REQUEST WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR KOICHIRO MATSUURA AND FIRST SECRETARY KIYOHIKO NANA O ON JULY 7 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DIVERSIONS OF STRATEGIC GOODS BY JAPANESE FIRMS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. US SIDE NOTED THAT WE WERE PASSING SOME INFORMATION DETAILING 12 ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL SHIPMENTS OF COCOM ITEMS BY JAPANESE FIRMS TO USSR, PRC, AND EASTERN EUROPE. WE NOTED THAT 12 CASES LISTED WERE BACKED UP BY AS MUCH DETAIL AS WE COULD OBTAIN. PASSING DATA TO JAPANESE, WE REQUESTED GOJ COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATING THESE CASES WITH A VIEW TO TIGHTENING CONTROLS IF NECESSARY.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY REPS ASKED ABOUT COCOM PROCEDURES, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER IT WAS USUAL TO RAISE MATTERS BILATERALLY.
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ALLY IN THIS FASHION. US SIDE REPLIED THAT COCOM FORUM WAS ALSO AVAILABLE BUT THAT, IN VIEW OF SPECIFIC DETAILS AVAILABLE AND GIVEN CLOSE US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP, WE CONSIDERED THAT A BILATERAL APPROACH WOULD BE MORE DISCREET AND EFFECTIVE.

3. JAPANESE ALSO ASKED ABOUT SOURCES OF DETAILS PROVIDED.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TOLD THEM THAT INFORMATION WAS DERIVED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, PRINCIPALLY BUSINESSMEN OF ALMOST ANY NATIONALITY. US REPS NOTED THAT BUSINESSMEN OFTEN HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION SINCE THEY MAY BE DISSATISFIED ABOUT ANOTHER FIRM MAKING SALES WHICH THEY THEMSELVES CANNOT.

4. COUNSELOR MATSUURA SAID THAT IT WOULD BE "UNTHINKABLE" FOR MITI TO APPROVE UNAUTHORIZED COCOM LIST EXPORTS. MATSUURA UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION TO TOKYO AND OBTAIN REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. US REPS THANKED JAPANESE FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT EXCHANGES SUCH AS THIS ARE USEFUL AND THAT WE MIGHT UNDERTAKE THEM ON A MORE FREQUENT BASIS. THEY ADDED THAT WE LOOKED UPON SUCH EXCHANGES AS A TWO-WAY STREET AND THAT IF THE JAPANESE SHOULD ACQUIRE INFORMATION ABOUT US FIRMS VIOLATING COCOM ARRANGEMENTS, THEY SHOULD PASS THE DETAILS TO US. MEETING ENDED AMICABLY WITH JAPANESE PROMISING TO CONTACT US SIDE AS SOON AS THEY RECEIVED REPLY FROM TOKYO. VANCE

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